



DATE: August 13, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #4

## AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Parks & Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Beverly Tucker, Recreation Director and Commission Staff Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Staff Update

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive report

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### **Civic Center Master Plan Update**

Since the Parks & Recreation Commission's last meeting in June, a focus group was held on June 26. During this meeting, participants explored site planning opportunities for the new Community Center including an overall look at the long-range plan for Civic Center site. The small groups participated in charrette style exercises using City Council established site scenarios.

Next up is a Community-wide Workshop on the Community Center's site planning on August 19, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Los Altos Youth Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Topics covered at the workshop will include:

- Circulation and access
- Infrastructure, open space and parking
- Building placement options
- Opportunities and constraints
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A financial focus stakeholder meeting will be held on the evening of Thursday, August 28.

All files pertaining to the project including meeting minutes and reports, are available online <http://www.losaltosca.gov/community/page/civic-center-master-plan-update-%E2%80%93-where-are-we-now>.

### **Family Overnight**

This summer the Recreation Department held the first ever Family Overnight on Friday evening, July 18 through Saturday morning, July 19. Twenty-six families signed up to camp overnight in Redwood Grove. Families choose between sleeping under the stars of brining a tent. Games, hikes, songs, roasting marshmallows and a professional storyteller were some of the featured activities. A bbq dinner was hosted at Patriot Corner and families used the new trail between Redwood Grove and Shoup Park to walk to dinner and back. A continental breakfast was served before campers packed up and left the following day. Many of the participants noted that this was their very first camping experience and for some it was also their first visit to Redwood Grove.



A family poses in front of their tents at Redwood Grove.

### Wizard of Oz

Another first this summer was a partnership between the Los Altos Youth Theatre (:LAYT) and the Los Altos Stage Company, formerly the Bus Barn Stage Company, on a production of the Wizard of Oz. The cast included 35 youth from LAYT and the production included workshops and learning opportunities for the younger participants. All 14 shows sold out!



The Tin Man, Dorothy, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion follow the Yellow Brick Road.



The Tin Man wishes for a heart while the Scarecrow wishes for brains.

### **Park Appreciation Days**

The two Park Appreciation Days were postponed due to scheduling conflicts. The subcommittee will meet at the end of summer to consider holding an event during the fall at one of the previously selected park sites.

### **Ethics Training**

Commissioners are required to complete two hours of State of California approved Ethics Training every two years. Some Parks & Recreation Commissioners are due for their training. If you are unsure of your status, please check with Beverly. A free online training option may be found online at <http://fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477>. Please forward the certificate of completion to City Clerk Jon Maginot.

There is also the option to attend training in person at the Santa Clara County offices in September or October. These trainings are \$25 per person and the City will not reimburse Commissioners for the course. The sign-up information is included on the next page. If you select this option, you will receive a certificate that needs to be given the City Clerk, Jon Maginot.



# Save the Date

## AB 1234 Training for Local Agency Officials

**What:** MANDATORY AB 1234 (ETHICS) TRAINING

**Why:** AB 1234 requires local agency officials to receive **two hours of training in local government ethics every two years.**

**Who:** All Members of County of Santa Clara Brown Act Bodies (e.g., Boards, Commissions, and Committees) (“local agency official”) are required to attend such training. In addition, any newly elected or appointed local agency official must receive the training within one year of assuming office and once every two years thereafter.

**When:** **Wednesday, September 24, 2014 – Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
Sign-In Begins: 1:30 p.m.

**OR**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014 – Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
Sign-In Begins: 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** County of Santa Clara, Board of Supervisors’ Chambers, First Floor, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110

### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**County Attendees:** Registration is free for members of County of Santa Clara Boards, Commissions, and Committees (“County Officials”). *Note:* officials of special districts, school districts, and other entities within or outside Santa Clara County are Non-County Attendees (see Non-County Attendees section below).

To reserve your seat, register in advance for one of the training sessions by completing and emailing the registration form to: [EthicsTraining@cob.sccgov.org](mailto:EthicsTraining@cob.sccgov.org), or you may send the completed form to Clerk of the Board, Ethics training, 70 W. Hedding Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Jose, CA 95110.

**Non-County Attendees:** Registration is **\$25.00 per person for Non-County of Santa Clara local officials (not “County Officials” includes members or employees of special districts, school districts, other local government entities).** *Advance Registration Required. Please mail completed Non-County Attendee Registration form in advance with check payable to “County of Santa Clara” to\*:*

**Santa Clara County Counsel  
Attn: Kim Forrester  
70 W. Hedding St., East Wing, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Jose, CA 95110**

\*If you are an agency that would like to send several members, please contact Kim Forrester at [cco.ethics@cco.sccgov.org](mailto:cco.ethics@cco.sccgov.org) to coordinate a group sign-up.